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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attn: Criminal Investigative Division
Civil Rights Unit

FROM [REDACTED] FOLK (44A-NF-26689) (P)

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1. Title: (use additional page if necessary)

UNSUB:

[REDACTED] VICTIM;

PAT ROBERTSON - VICTIM;

REGENT UNIVERSITY; CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK;

CIVIL RIGHTS

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Re: Norfolk teletype to the Bureau, 4/28/90.

2. Office of Origin File No: 44A-NF-26689 (include alpha)
3. Auxiliary Office File No: _____ (initial submission only)
4. X initial submission _____ supplemental submission
5. Matter Type: (check more than one if applicable)
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Use to describe above (check all applicable)

- ☐ Arson ☒ Injury ☒ Property damage (Bomb explosion)
☐ Death ☐ No injury ☐ Cross burning

6. Date of incident 4/27/90

7. Date of complaint 4/27/90

8. Synopsis of case: PAT ROBERTSON is a well known "television evangelist" and former presidential candidate who founded REGENT UNIVERSITY and the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) a cable television network. On 4/27/90 a CBN security guard, [REDACTED] opened a package addressed to ROBERTSON which contained a pipe bomb. The bomb exploded, injured [REDACTED] and caused property damage. Crime scene investigation conducted by U.S. Postal Service and materials sent to their lab. Package sent through U.S. mail from a post office in Bladenboro, N.C. Investigation indicates that package was sent by a white male approximately 28 years old. Similar bomb exploded 1/30/90 injuring the [REDACTED] at the

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9. Significant case ☒ Yes ☐ No (if yes, provide reason) Intended victims are well known religious leaders and coverage has been extensive.

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I. PURPOSE

The FD-610 is designed to promptly provide FBIHQ with a complete set of pertinent facts for each Civil Rights case investigated by the FBI. Data is directly entered into a computer which will assist in more effective, efficient, and economical management of the Civil Rights Program by FBIHQ and the field. Each office **MUST** correctly complete **ALL** items requested on the form either on the initial submission, or later by supplemental submission prior to the close of the case. Title changes should be submitted by report or FD-610, whichever is more appropriate.

II. WHEN TO SUBMIT

The FD-610 is to be submitted in all cases supervised by the Civil Rights Unit, which include the following classifications: 44-CR; 50-ISS; 173-CRA 1964; 177-DIH; 187-Privacy Act of 1974-Criminal; 189-ECOA; 204-FRS; 214-CRIPA. The FD-610 should be, in most cases, the initial communication advising FBIHQ of the initiation of the investigation. In all instances, the FD-610 should be submitted within 5 working days of receipt of the complaint; however, the urgency of the situation may require a prior telephone call or teletype to FBIHQ.

III. DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS REGARDING ITEM #4 ON THE FD-610

Initial -

Should be checked if it is the first FD-610 submitted in the case. Every attempt should be made to provide all the information required on the initial submission; however, the initial submission of the FD-610 should not be held in abeyance while awaiting data which will be obtained on a later date. The auxiliary office (AO) should submit the initial FD-610 when they receive the original complaint with two copies designated to the office of origin.

Supplemental -

This should be checked whenever a subsequent FD-610 is submitted. When submitting a supplemental FD-610, provide data only for those items requiring a change. Instances requiring a supplemental submission are: when previously unknown data is obtained, data was previously omitted, or data was previously incorrectly reported. The supplemental FD-610 should be used as the cover communication for the submission of LHMs.

IV. SIGNIFICANT CASE

Significant cases are those receiving extensive media attention, involving a prominent individual or involving FBI personnel as the subject or victim. Significant cases are also those wherein FBI investigation has determined the allegations to be serious and substantial thus warranting a full investigation. When prosecution becomes imminent, FBIHQ should be advised promptly and a supplemental FD-610 should be submitted designating the case "significant" if not already so designated.

44A-NF-26689

UNSUB:

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CIVIL RIGHTS
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Lakewood Church, Houston, Texas. OSTEEN is also a "television evangelist." This bomb was sent from Elizabethtown, N.C., which is close to Bladenboro, N.C. The description of the sender of this bomb is similar to that of the individual who sent the bomb to ROBERTSON. Composite sketches secured and circulated to media. The company which uses the boxes in which the bombs were sent has been identified and investigation is being conducted regarding distributors and customers in the North Carolina area where the mailings originated. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms' lab has analyzed the bomb from Houston, Texas. Investigation continuing.

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FM FBI PITTSBURGH [REDACTED] (P)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/PRIORITY/ 44-119810

FBI CHARLOTTE/PRIORITY/

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CITE: //3650:SQ 11//

PASS: FBIHQ FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID, ROOM 18948; COUNTER

TERRORISM SECTION, CID, ROOM 5222; FBI LABORATORY, DNA UNIT;

FOR FBI ACADEMY, BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES UNIT, ATTN: SPECIAL

AGENT [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNSUB; [REDACTED] -VICTIM; PAT

ROBERTSON-VICTIM; REGENT UNIVERSITY; CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING
NETWORK; CIVIL RIGHTS; (OO: NORFOLK).

RE NORFOLK TELETYPES TO THE DIRECTOR, DATED APRIL 28,

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BOTH JOHNSTOWN AND ALTOONA, PA. THEIR STATION IS KNOWN AS WKCS-TV 40 IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THEIR STATION COVERS MOST OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE, IT IS THE ONLY TELEVISION STATION OF ITS KIND IN THAT AREA.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE WOULD MAKE EACH OF THEIR TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AWARE OF THE GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OUTSIDE APPEARANCE OF BOMB PACKAGES.

ON MAY 10, 1990, [REDACTED] CHANNEL 40, CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK, WALL, PA, ADVISED THAT HE HAS DONE A GOOD BIT OF RESEARCH AND STUDY ON THE AIDS PROBLEM IN THIS COUNTRY AND IN DOING SO HAS BECOME AWARE OF THE INCREASINGLY MILITANT, VIOLENT, AND KAMIKAZE ATTITUDE OF SOME OF THE HOMOSEXUAL AND GAY GROUPS INVOLVED IN THE AIDS MOVEMENT.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT BECAUSE OF THE NATURE AND PHILOSOPHY OF MOST CHRISTIAN EVANGELIST PREACHERS, THEY ARE QUITE IRRITATING AND EVEN HATE INSPIRING TO A LARGE PORTION OF THE GAY COMMUNITY.

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POSSIBLE AREA CAPABLE OR CONDOUCIVE TO GENERATING ENOUGH HATE
TO PROMPT CRIMINAL ATTACKS OF THIS NATURE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED OF TWO SUCH GROUPS THAT HE IS AWARE OF IN
NORTH CAROLINA: INTEGRITY (TRIANGLE CHAPTER), BOX 5561,
RALEIGH, NC 27650; THE LESBIAN AND GAY HEALTH PROJECT,
BOX 3203, DURHAM, NC 27705.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING PROVIDED TO CHARLOTTE
AND NORFOLK FOR WHATEVER ACTION MAY BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

CONTACTS IN THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION CONTINUING.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI /IMMEDIATE/

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CITE: //3140/A

PASS: FBIHQ FOR [REDACTED] UNIT CHIEF, CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT
CID, ROOM 13948; FBIHQ FOR NEIL J. GALLAGHER, SECTION CHIEF,
COUNTERTERRORISM SECTION, CID, ROOM 5222. NORFOLK FOR SSA

[REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNSUB; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; CIVIL
RIGHTS; DD: NORFOLK.

RE NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED 4/28/90 AND
CHARLOTTE TELCAL FROM SSA [REDACTED] TO NORFOLK
EMPLOYEE [REDACTED] ON 4/28/90.

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ON 4/28/90, SA [REDACTED] FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENT AGENCY, LIAISED WITH ATF AND POSTAL AUTHORITIES IN FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. TO EFFECT JOINT INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

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IT HAS BEEN PRELIMINARILY DETERMINED THAT THE NAME LESLIE D. MARKS, PH.D, WHICH APPEARED AS THE RETURN ADDRESSOR ON THE PACKAGE RECEIVED BY CBN IS FICTITIOUS. THERE IS NO ONE BY THAT NAME LIVING ON THELBERG DRIVE IN FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., NOR DOES IT APPEAR THAT ANYONE BY THAT NAME RESIDES IN THE ENTIRE FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. AREA. THELBERG DRIVE IS A VALID STREET IN FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., HOWEVER, 545 IS A NON-EXISTENT NUMBER ON THAT STREET.

ATF SAC [REDACTED] WHO IS IN FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. HEADING ATF'S INVESTIGATION, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HIS ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT BE NEEDED TO INTERVIEW LESLIE D. MARKS, SHOULD SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL BE IDENTIFIED AND LOCATED, IN AS MUCH AS ATF HAS A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEW.

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SA [REDACTED] ALSO OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE TO POSTAL AUTHORITIES IN TRACING THE MOVEMENT OF THE PACKAGE FROM ITS

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POSTMARKED ORIGIN AT BLADENBORO, N.C. ON 4/20/90 TO ITS RECEIPT AT REGENT UNIVERSITY (C34) ON 4/26/90. THE POSTAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED THEY WERE CURRENTLY MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO TRACE THE PACKAGE THROUGH THE POSTAL SYSTEM AND THERE WAS NOTHING THE FBI COULD DO TO ASSIST AT THIS TIME.

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY A DOZEN ATF AND POSTAL AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THIS MATTER IN FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

CHARLOTTE GENERAL INDICES (BOTH FDIMS AND MANUAL) IS NEGATIVE REGARDING THE NAME OF LESLIE D. MARKS, AND THE GROUP EQUAL RELIGIOUS COALITION. ATTEMPTS TO QUERY COMPUTERIZED RECORDS OF THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV) FOR THE NAME OF LESLIE D. MARKS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO COMPUTER DIFFICULTIES BEYOND CHARLOTTE DIVISION'S CONTROL.

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SHOULD CHARLOTTE INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER BE REQUIRED, SA [REDACTED] SHOULD BE CONTACTED VIA CHARLOTTE HEADQUARTERS CITY AT FTS 699-1030 OR COMMERCIAL (704) 529-1030.

CHARLOTTE AT FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. WILL MAINTAIN LIASON WITH ATF AND POSTAL AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO EFFECT JOINT INVESTIGATION OF ADDITIONAL LOGICAL INVESTIGATION AS

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CITE: //3040:SQ 7//

SUBJECT: UNSUB; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS;

OO: NORFOLK.

VANPAC; MAJOR CASE 29; OO: BIRMINGHAM.

REFERENCE NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, APRIL 28, 1990.

REVIEW OF VANPAC MATERIAL DOES NOT SUGGEST ANY CONNECTION
BETWEEN CAPTIONED MATTERS. THERE ARE NO SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE
DEVICES NOR IDEALOGY OF PERPETRATOR.

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: FBIHQ FOR [REDACTED] UNIT CHIEF CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID,
ROOM 18948.

SUBJECT: UNSUB; [REDACTED] VICTIM; PAT ROBERTSON-

VICTIM; REGENT UNIVERSITY; CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK; ~~CIVIL~~

RIGHTS, OO: NORFOLK.

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RE: NORFOLK TELETYPES TO DIRECTOR, DATED APRIL 28, 1990 AND
MAY 2, 1990; TELEPHONE CALLS FROM SA [REDACTED] WMFO
DIVISION TO SA [REDACTED] NORFOLK DIVISION AND SSA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CHARLOTTE DIVISION ON MAY 3, 1990.

INVESTIGATION AT WMFO REVEALED THE FOLLOWING: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHURCH COORDINATOR, CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK,
11204 WAYLES MILL ROAD, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, ADVISED THAT THERE
WERE NO "TELEVISION EVANGELISTS" IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C.
METROPOLITAN AREA. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE CHRISTIAN
BROADCASTING NETWORK, COUNSELING CENTER, FAYATTEVILLE, N.C., HAD
BEEN RECEIVING HARASSING TELEPHONE CALLS.

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ALL FBI CONTINENTAL FIELD OFFICES/IMMEDIATE/

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PASS: FBIHQ FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID, ROOM 1B948; COUNTER

TERRORISM SECTION, CID, ROOM 5222; FBI LABORATORY, DNA UNIT; FOR

FBI ACADEMY, BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES UNIT, ATTN: SPECIAL AGENT

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- VICTIM; PAT

ROBERTSON - VICTIM; REGENT UNIVERSITY; CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING

NETWORK; CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: NORFOLK.

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THE VICTIM'S NAME, [REDACTED] WHICH WAS FORMERLY
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RE NORFOLK TELETYPES TO THE DIRECTOR, DATED APRIL 27, 1990,
AND APRIL 30, 1990.

IN REFERENCED TELETYPE OF APRIL 27, 1990, NORFOLK DIVISION
REQUESTED THAT ALL CONTINENTAL FIELD OFFICES, IN COORDINATION
WITH POSTAL INSPECTORS AND THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND
FIREARMS (ATF), CONTACT ALL MAJOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN
EACH DIVISION TO ADVISE THEM OF THE REGENT UNIVERSITY PIPE BOMB
INCIDENT AND ALERT TO SIMILAR PACKAGES.

FBIHQ HAS ADVISED THE NORFOLK DIVISION THAT SOME DIVISIONS
HAVE CONTACTED FBIHQ TO STATE THAT THEY ARE NOT SURE AS TO WHAT
TYPES OF RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE CONTACTED. IT SHOULD
BE POINTED OUT THAT THE INTENDED VICTIMS OF THESE BOMBS, NAMELY
JOHN OSTEEN AND PAT ROBERTSON, ARE "TELEVISION EVANGELISTS" WHO
ARE SEEN FREQUENTLY ON COMMERCIAL OR CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD. ALSO, PAT ROBERTSON
WAS A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. IT
WOULD APPEAR THAT THE UNKNOWN SUBJECT IN THESE BOMBING MATTERS
HAS TARGETED RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED EXTENSIVE
EXPOSURE THROUGH TELEVISION. THESE INDIVIDUALS BOTH APPEAR ON

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THE CABLE SYSTEM KNOWN AS "THE FAMILY CHANNEL." IT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE REFERENCED LEAD TO REQUEST THAT ALL CONTINENTAL FIELD OFFICES CONTACT INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THEIR DIVISION WHO WOULD BE CONSIDERED "TELEVISION EVANGELISTS," AND WHO RECEIVE EXTENSIVE EXPOSURE THROUGH COMMERCIAL OR CABLE TELEVISION SHOWS.

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CITE: //3050:SQ. 9//

SUBJECT: UNSUB; [REDACTED] VICTIM; PAT ROBERTSON-
VICTIM; REGENT UNIVERSITY; CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK; CIVIL
RIGHTS; OO: NORFOLK.

RE NORFOLK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES,
DATED APRIL 28, 1990, AND NORFOLK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND ALL FBI
CONTINENTAL FIELD OFFICES, DATED APRIL 30, 1990. 44-119810-7

DURING MAY 1, 1990 - MAY 2, 1990, THE FOLLOWING MAJOR
RELIGIOUS LEADERS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WERE ADVISED OF THE
REGENT UNIVERSITY TYPE BOMB INCIDENT AND ALL WERE ALERTED TO

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SIMILAR PACKAGES:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EPISCOPAL
CHURCH, 105 WEST MONUMENT STREET, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CATHOLIC CENTER,
320 CATHEDRAL STREET, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BALTIMORE HEBREW CONGREGATION, THE LARGEST JEWISH
CONGREGATION IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, LOCATED 7401 PARK HEIGHTS
AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND; [REDACTED]
BALTIMORE BOARD OF RABBIS, COMPRISING OF RABBIS FROM THE ENTIRE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND AREA.

ALL LEADERS OR THE REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED ADVISED THAT
THEY WOULD NOTIFY ALL CHURCH LEADERS OR SYNAGOGUE LEADERS WITHIN
THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS AS TO THE NATURE OF THE REGENT
UNIVERSITY TYPE BOMB INCIDENT AND TO ALERT THEM TO SIMILAR
PACKAGES.

UACB BALTIMORE CONDUCTING NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN THIS
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CITE: //3710//

PASS: CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID, ROOM 1B948; COUNTER TERRORISM;
SECTION, CID, ROOM 5222.

SUBJECT: UNSUB; [REDACTED] - VICTIM;

PAT ROBERTSON - VICTIM; REGENT UNIVERSITY; CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING;
NETWORK; CIVIL RIGHTS A; OO: NORFOLK.

RE NORFOLK TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL 28, 1990,
APRIL 30, 1990, AND MAY 2, 1990.

ON MAY 1, 1990, THE RICHMOND DIVISION CONTACTED INSPECTOR

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[REDACTED] UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS),

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, WHO ADVISED HE THOUGHT THAT HIS OFFICE HAD CONTACTED MAJOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA REGARDING THE CAPTIONED MATTER. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WOULD CONTACT THE RICHMOND DIVISION OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) IF ASSISTANCE WAS NEEDED BY USPS IN CONTACTING THESE ORGANIZATIONS.

ON MAY 2, 1990, [REDACTED] POSTAL INSPECTOR-IN-CHARGE, USPS, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HIS OFFICE HAS CONTACTED MAJOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN HIS FIELD OFFICE TERRITORY AND FBI ASSISTANCE NOT NEEDED IN THAT REGARD.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HIS OFFICE IS IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFERENCED NORFOLK TELETYPE OF APRIL 30, 1990.

AS NO INVESTIGATION REMAINS OUTSTANDING FOR THE RICHMOND DIVISION, THIS MATTER IS BEING PLACED IN RUC STATUS.

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CONSIDER UNKNOWN SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS EXPLOSIVE DEVICES
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PASS: CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID, AND COUNTERTERRORISM SECTION, CID.

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; PAT
ROBERTSON - VICTIM; REGENT UNIVERSITY, CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING
NETWORK; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: NORFOLK. 11-1-90

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, THE
SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER (SPLC), MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, WAS

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FOUNDED IN 1971 AS A NONPROFIT FOUNDATION FUNDED THROUGH PRIVATE DONATIONS. THE SPLC'S KLANWATCH PROJECT WAS FORMED IN 1980 TO HELP CURB KLAN AND RACIST VIOLENCE THROUGH LITIGATION, EDUCATION, AND MONITORING. SINCE 1980, LAWSUITS BROUGHT BY THE SPLC AND KLANWATCH HAVE RESULTED IN COURT ORDERS PROHIBITING KLAN PARAMILITARY TRAINING IN TEXAS AND NORTH CAROLINA, FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS INDICTMENTS AGAINST ALABAMA VISIBLE EMPIRE MEMBERS, CONTEMPT OF COURT CONVICTIONS AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA WHITE PATRIOT PARTY MEMBERS, AND A SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR CIVIL VERDICT AGAINST THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA FOR THE 1981 MURDER OF A BLACK YOUTH IN MOBILE, ALABAMA.

ON MAY 14, 1990, [REDACTED]

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ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION REGARDING THIS INFORMATION IS
BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF OFFICE OF ORIGIN. INFORMATION
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MOBILE DIVISION AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. WILL MAINTAIN
CONTACT WITH KLANWATCH REGARDING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION WHICH

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MIGHT BE DEVELOPED CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER.

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CITE: //3170:SQ. 6//

PASS: FBIHQ [REDACTED] UNIT CHIEF, CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT,
CID, ROOM 18948; FBIHQ NEAL J. GALLAGHER, SECTION CHIEF,
COUNTERTERRORISM SECTION, CID, ROOM 5222.

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; PAT
ROBERTSON - VICTIM; REGENT UNIVERSITY; CHRISTIAN
BROADCASTING NETWORK; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: NORFOLK.

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RE NORFOLK TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU, DATED APRIL 28,
1990, APRIL 30, 1990, AND MAY 2, 1990.

A SURVEY OF THE CLEVELAND DIVISION REVEALED ONE MAJOR

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TELEVISION EVANGELIST AND ONE OTHER GROUP WITH SOME NATIONAL EXPOSURE. ON APRIL 30, 1990, [REDACTED] SECURITY DEPARTMENT, CATHEDRAL OF TOMORROW, 2700 STATE ROAD, CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO, WAS CONTACTED AND INFORMED ABOUT THE ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS OF THE OTHER "TV EVANGELISTS." INFORMATION WAS LEFT WITH [REDACTED] CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE RECOGNITION OF LETTER BOMBS. [REDACTED] WAS GIVEN VARIOUS PAMPHLETS CONCERNING THESE MATTERS. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WORKS FOR [REDACTED] AT THE CATHEDRAL OF TOMORROW IN CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO. [REDACTED] IS ON NATIONAL TELEVISION AND WOULD EASILY BE DESCRIBED AS A "TV EVANGELIST." ALSO CONTACTED WAS [REDACTED] WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE MAHONING VALLEY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES. [REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED ON MAY 1, 1990, AND PROVIDED WITH THE SAME INFORMATION AS [REDACTED]

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FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND NORFOLK, CLEVELAND DIVISION RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT SOMETIME AFTER THE HOUSTON BOMBING, CLEVELAND DIVISION WAS CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WANTED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION AND INTERCEPTION OF LETTER BOMBS. THIS INDIVIDUAL ADVISED THAT HE WORKED AS A SECURITY CONSULTANT

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FOR A NATIONAL RELIGIOUS FIGURE. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS TOLD
TO CONTACT THE CLEVELAND BOMB TECHNICIAN. SA [REDACTED]
CLEVELAND BOMB TECHNICIAN, ADVISED THAT HE WAS CONTACTED BY
A [REDACTED] TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] OF
CARROLLTON, OHIO. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WAS A SECURITY
CONSULTANT FOR VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES. HE
REVIEWED WITH THE BOMBING TECHNICIAN NUMEROUS FACETS OF
SECURITY WORK INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF CAMERAS, FENCES,
LIGHTS, ETC. INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HIS CURIOSITY WAS
PEAKED AFTER THE HOUSTON BOMBING. SA [REDACTED] ADVISED FROM
INTERVIEWING [REDACTED] THAT HE WAS A LEGITIMATE INDIVIDUAL IN
VIEW OF HIS KNOWLEDGE OF SECURITY PROCEDURES. [REDACTED] DID TELL
[REDACTED] THAT HE HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED AS A SECURITY
CONSULTANT FOR A TELEVISION EVANGELIST, HOWEVER, SA [REDACTED]
IS NOW UNABLE TO RECALL THE NAME. SA [REDACTED] IS STILL OF
THE OPINION THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL IS A LEGITIMATE SECURITY
CONSULTANT. CLEVELAND DIVISION HOWEVER HAS NOT CONDUCTED
ANY TYPE OF BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION ON THIS AND IS MERELY
SUPPLYING THIS INFORMATION IN VIEW OF [REDACTED] INTEREST IN
"LETTER BOMBS" AND BECAUSE OF HIS TIMINGS.

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IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ALL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN
CONDUCTED IN THE CLEVELAND DIVISION, CLEVELAND IS RUC'ING
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CITE: 113560:SOJAD 211

PASS: FBINF FOR [REDACTED] UNIT CHIEF, CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT,

CID, ROOM 16349; PD140 FOR NEIL J. GALLAGHER, SECTION CHIEF,

COUNTERTERRORISM SECTION, CID, ROOM 6222.

SUBJECT: UNSUB; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS;

OO: NORFOLK.

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS FROM SSA [REDACTED], NORFOLK

DIVISION, TO SSA [REDACTED] CHARLOTTE DIVISION; SECTION

CHIEF NEIL GALLAGHER AND SSA [REDACTED] COUNTERTERRORISM

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SECTION, CID; UNIT CHIEF [REDACTED] AND SSA [REDACTED]
CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID; INSPECTOR [REDACTED] VANPAC TASK
FORCE, ATLANTA DIVISION; SSA [REDACTED] BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
UNIT, QUANTICO, ON APRIL 27, 1990; FROM SA [REDACTED]
NORFOLK DIVISION, TO SSA [REDACTED] HOUSTON DIVISION ON
APRIL 27, 1990.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

THE LABORATORY DIVISION, FBIHQ, IS REQUESTED TO TAKE CUSTODY
OF THE FIFTEEN 25 CENT STAMPS FROM [REDACTED] DIRECTOR,
POSTAL INSPECTORS' LABORATORY, TO CONDUCT LASER LATENT
FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION, SEROLOGY EXAMINATION FOR SALIVA ON THE
STAMPS AND, IF APPROPRIATE, DNA EXAMINATION. [REDACTED] WILL
HAND CARRY THESE STAMPS FROM THE CRIME SCENE IN VIRGINIA BEACH TO
THE STRATEGIC INFORMATION OPERATIONS CENTER (SIOC), FBIHQ, AT
APPROXIMATELY 10:00 AM ON APRIL 28, 1990.

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THE CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, FBIHQ, IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE COPIES
OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER INFORMATION FROM THE CRIME SCENE TO THE
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES UNIT FOR COMPARISON TO INFORMATION FROM THE
HOUSTON DIVISION. NORFOLK WILL PROVIDE THESE PHOTOGRAPHS AND
OTHER INFORMATION BY SEPARATE COVER.

DETAILS:

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AT APPROXIMATELY 11:44 P. M. APRIL 27, 1990, FBI NORFOLK WAS NOTIFIED BY THE VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT, THAT A BOMB HAD EXPLODED AT REGENT UNIVERSITY (FORMERLY CBR UNIVERSITY), VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA. THE BOMB HAD BEEN SENT TO PAT ROBERTSON, PRESIDENT, REGENT UNIVERSITY, AND WAS X-RAYED AS IS A MATTER OF ROUTINE FOR MAIL DIRECTED TO ROBERTSON. WHEN THE PACKAGE APPEARED TO BE SUSPICIOUS, THE REGENT UNIVERSITY SECURITY DEPARTMENT WAS NOTIFIED. [REDACTED] REGENT UNIVERSITY SECURITY DEPARTMENT, INSPECTED THE PACKAGE AND ATTEMPTED TO OPEN IT CAUSING ITS DETONATION. [REDACTED] SUFFERED SEVERE INJURIES TO HIS ABDOMEN AND LEG AND WAS RUSHED TO A VIRGINIA BEACH HOSPITAL. THE POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE AND BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS (ATF) WERE NOTIFIED OF THE INCIDENT AND ADVISED THEY WERE RESPONDING TO THE SCENE.

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[REDACTED] REGENT UNIVERSITY, CONFIRMED THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE AND STATED THERE WAS A SECOND PACKAGE ADDRESSED TO ROBERTSON'S CO-HOST ON HIS TELEVISION EVANGELISM SHOW WHICH MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN SUSPICIOUS; HOWEVER, THE SECOND PACKAGE WAS LATER LOCATED AND DETERMINED TO BE UNRELATED TO THE BOMBING. THE PACKAGE CONTAINING THE BOMB HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT REGENT

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UNIVERSITY OF APRIL 26, 1990, BUT WAS NOT PROCESSED UNTIL APRIL 27TH. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] NO THREATS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY ROBERTSON IN THE RECENT PAST AND NO ONE HAS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING.

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THE BOX AND PACKAGE ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS BASED ON MATERIAL FOUND AT THE CRIME SCENE BY ATF:

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ALSO PRESENT AT THE

CRIME SCENE WAS WHAT APPEARED TO BE FILLER MATERIAL FROM THE PACKAGE CONSISTING OF GREEN STYROFOAM, WHITE TOWEL AND PAGES FROM A "USA TODAY" NEWSPAPER. [REDACTED]

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THE PACKAGE WAS FOUR INCHES BY SIX INCHES BY THREE INCHES AND WRAPPED IN BROWN TAPPING PAPER. THE ADDRESS AND RETURN ADDRESS WERE TYPED ON WHITE BORDERLESS LABELS WHICH WERE GLUED TO THE PACKAGE. THE PACKAGE WAS ADDRESSED TO "P. ROBERTSON, C/O CRI, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23611." THE RETURN ADDRESS WAS

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"LESLIE D. MARKS, PH.D; 543 THELBERT DR.; FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.
28301." BOTH THE ADDRESS AND RETURN ADDRESS APPEARED TO HAVE
BEEN TYPED ON A MANUAL TYPEWRITER. THE PACKAGE BORE 15 CANCELED
25 CENTS CHRISTMAS STAMPS AS POSTAGE. THE PACKAGE WAS
POST-MARKED "BLADENBORO, N.C.; APRIL 20, 1990; AM, 28320."

FOR INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS, THE POSTAL INSPECTORS' OFFICE
HAS BEEN DESIGNATED LEAD FEDERAL AGENCY IN THE BOMBING
INVESTIGATION. ATF IS PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FOR THAT
INVESTIGATION. THE FBI'S CIVIL RIGHTS JURISDICTION STEMS FROM
TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 247 REGARDING "DAMAGE TO RELIGIOUS
PROPERTY; OBSTRUCTION OF PERSONS IN THE FREE EXERCISE OF
RELIGIOUS BELIEFS." (MIOG, PART I, SECTION 44-1.7, PAGE 184.)

INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED BY INDIVIDUALS AT REGENT
UNIVERSITY REGARDING AN ARSON COMMITTED AGAINST THE ANDERSON,
INDIANA, HOME/STUDIO OF A WELL-KNOWN RELIGIOUS SINGER NAMED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT ARSON WAS CLAIMED BY A GROUP
CALLING THEMSELVES "EQUAL RELIGIOUS COALITION" BASED IN NORTH
CAROLINA. THE ONLY CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS GROUP AND THE REGENT
UNIVERSITY BOMBING IS THE COMMON ORIGIN IN NORTH CAROLINA AND THE
RELIGIOUS ORIENTATION OF THE VICTIMS. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE

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LINKING THE "EQUAL RELIGIOUS COALITION" TO THE REGENT UNIVERSITY
BOMBING.

NORFOLK WAS ALSO LEARNED OF A SIMILAR BOMBING WHICH TOOK
PLACE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON JANUARY 30, 1990. A LIKE PACKAGE AND
PIPE BOMB WAS SENT TO REVEREND JOHN OSTERN WHICH WAS OPENED BY
[REDACTED] WHO WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

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REV. OSTERN IS THE HEAD OF THE LAKEWOOD CHURCH, 7417 MOUNT
HOUSTON ROAD, HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE POSTMARK ON THE HOUSTON PIPE
BOMB PACKAGE WAS ELIZABETHTOWN, N.C., WHICH IS CLOSE TO
BLADENBORO.

[REDACTED] POSTAL INSPECTOR, RICHMOND, WAS NOTIFIED OF
THE NEED FOR POSTAL INSPECTOR AND ATF AGENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA TO
COORDINATE INVESTIGATION WITH SSA [REDACTED] OF THE CHARLOTTE
DIVISION.

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NORFOLK INDICES ARE NEGATIVE REGARDING "EQUAL RELIGIOUS
COALITION", LESLIE D. MARKS OR 545 THELBERT DRIVE, FAYETTEVILLE,
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CITE: 773550:SQUAD 277

PASS: FBIHQ FOR [REDACTED] UNIT CHIEF, CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT,

CID, ROOM 1394B: FBIHQ FOR NEAL J. GALLAGHER, SECTION CHIEF,

COUNTERTERRORISM SECTION, CID, ROOM 5222.

SUBJECT: UNSUB; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS;

TO: NORFOLK.

TEXT CONTINUES:

INSPECTORS AND ATF, CONTACT ALL MAJOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

WITHIN EACH DIVISION TO ADVISE THEM OF THE RECENT UNIVERSITY PIPE

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SOME INCIDENT AND ALERT TO SIMILAR PACKAGES.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA, GA. PROVIDE NORFOLK WITH ANY INFORMATION FROM THE VANPAC INVESTIGATION WHICH MAY HAVE A BEARING ON THE REGENT UNIVERSITY BOMBING.

CHARLOTTE AT BLADELCOB AND PAYETTEVILLE, N.C. COORDINATE WITH THE POSTAL INSPECTORS AND ATF REGARDING INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED REGARDING THE RETURN ADDRESS AND THE POST OFFICE WHERE THE PACKAGE WAS MAILED.

HOUSTON AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. PROVIDE NORFOLK WITH A SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED REGARDING THE JUSTEN BOMBING.

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PASS: FBIHQ,

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UNIT CHIEF, CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT,

SUBJECT: UNSUB;

- VICTIM; CIVIL

RIGHTS; OO: NORFOLK.

RE NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR FBI, DATED APRIL 28,
1990.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBIHQ AND NORFOLK, DETROIT
DIVISION HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE 3 MAJOR RELIGIOUS
ORGANIZATIONS AT DETROIT, COUNCIL OF ORTHODOX RABBIS,

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES AT DETROIT, AND THE
CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATION COUNCIL OF DETROIT, WITH REGARD TO
DISSEMINATION OF THE PIPE BOMB INCIDENT AT REGENT UNIVERSITY,
TO THE ATTENTION OF PAT ROBERTSON.

DETROIT DIVISION RESIDENT AGENCIES ARE CURRENTLY IN THE
PROCESS OF CONTACTING MAJOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN
THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.

UNLESS REQUESTED BY FBIHQ OR NORFOLK, DETROIT WILL NOT
APPRISE FBIHQ AND NORFOLK, OF THESE CONTACTS.

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CITE: //3090//

PASS: ATTENTION GO FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID, ROOM 1294

COUNTER TERRORISM SECTION, CID, ROOM 5222.

SUBJECT: UNSUB, [REDACTED] - VICTIM; PAT ROBERTSON -

VICTIM; REGENT UNIVERSITY; CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK; CIVIL
RIGHTS, TO: NORFOLK.

REFERENCE FBI NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED MAY 2,
1990.

ON MAY 10, 1990, THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAPTIONED
BOMBING AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE BOMBING DEVICES DESCRIBED IN THE

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ABOVE REFERENCED TELETYPE, WAS FURNISHED TO [REDACTED] UNITED
STATES POSTAL INSPECTORS, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], ATF, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, AND DR. [REDACTED]

RHODE ISLAND COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE THE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE BOMBINGS AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVICES TO THE
NINE MAINE LINE PROTESTANT CHURCHES OF RHODE ISLAND AND TO HIS
COUNTERPARTS IN THE ARCH DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE AND BOARD OF
RABBIES OF PROVIDENCE. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WOULD NOTIFY
FBI AT PROVIDENCE, RI IF HE SHOULD RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION
RELATING TO THE ABOVE BOMBINGS.

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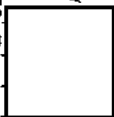
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SUBJECT: UNSUB; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; PAT

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BROADCASTING NETWORK; CR (A); OO: NF.

RE NF TELETYPE, APR. 30, 1990.

FOR INFO OF FBIHQ AND NORFOLK, ON APR. 30, 1990, DET.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE AND [REDACTED] INVESTIGATOR, ANDERSON FIRE

DEPT., TEL. [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ASSIGNED THE TASK OF

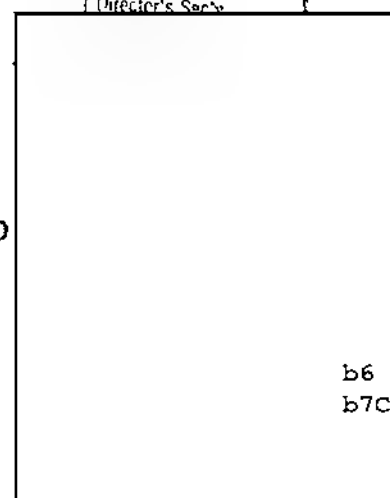
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INVESTIGATING THE FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN \$650,000 TO \$750,000 DAMAGE TO THE CORPORATE OFFICE OF THE HELVERING AGENCY, LOCATED AT 2200 MADISON SQ., ANDERSON, DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF APR. 17, 1990. THE HELVERING AGENCY IS THE BOOKING AGENCY FOR [REDACTED] A WELL KNOWN GOSPEL SINGER. [REDACTED] SERVES AS

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[REDACTED] ARSON HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AS THE CAUSE OF FIRE, WHICH OCCURRED AT OR BEFORE 3:43 A.M., THE TIME AUTHORITIES WERE NOTIFIED OF THE FIRE. GASOLINE WAS CONFIRMED AT TWO POINTS OF THE FIRE'S ORIGIN. FORCED ENTRY WAS MADE TO THE CORPORATE OFFICE TO SET THE FIRE.

DET. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AT APPROX. 11:30 P.M., APR. 17, 1990, AN INDIVIDUAL (SEX NOT YET CERTAIN) TELEPHONED ANDERSON RADIO STATION WLHN-FM AND CLAIMED THE "EQUAL RELIGION COALITION" WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIRE. THE ORIGINAL TAPE OF THE TELEPHONE CALL IS IN POSSESSION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED RADIO STATION. DET. [REDACTED] ADVISED EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY THE CALLER.

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ACCORDING TO DET. [REDACTED] HE HAS HAD RECENT CONTACT WITH THE INDIANAPOLIS, IN, OFFICE OF ATF IN REGARD TO CAPTIONED MATTER AND HE IS OF THE OPINION THERE IS NO

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CONNECTION BETWEEN CAPTIONED MATTER AND THE FIRE AT THE
HELVERING AGENCY.

INDIANAPOLIS INDICES NEGATIVE RE "EQUAL RELIGION
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INASMUCH AS THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY CONNECTION
BETWEEN THIS MATTER AND THE FIRE AT THE HELVERING AGENCY,
ANDERSON, AND THE FACT THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY
FEDERAL VIOLATION OF FBI INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE
HELVERING AGENCY FIRE, THIS MATTER IS BEING PLACED IN RUC
STATUS. SHOULD INFO OF VALUE BE RECEIVED IN THE FUTURE RE
CAPTIONED MATTER, INDIANAPOLIS WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION
AND ADVISE FBIHQ AND NORFOLK OF SAME.

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EXPLOSIVE DEVICES USED - END CAUTION.

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PASS: FBIHQ, CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID, ROOM 16948; COUNTER

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NETWORK; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: NORFOLK.

RE NORFOLK TELETYPES TO THE DIRECTOR DATED APRIL 20,
APRIL 30, AND MAY 2, 1997.

A REVIEW OF TELEVISION EVANGELIST IN THE KNOXVILLE DIVISION

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INDICATED TWO WHICH WOULD FALL INTO THE CATEGORY AS REQUESTED.

ON MAY 7, 1993, SA [REDACTED] CONTACTED CHATTANOOGA
POSTAL INSPECTOR [REDACTED] CONCERNING THIS MATTER. [REDACTED]
ADVISED HE WAS FORWARDING COUSTERS CONCERNING THE BOMBING INCIDENT
TO LOCAL TELEVISION EVANGELISTS AND WOULD INSURE THAT THOSE
INCLUDED [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH WHO ARE ON THE FAMILY
TELEVISION NETWORK, AND OPERATE FROM THE CHATTANOOGA AREA.
ADDITIONALLY, THE SAME DAY, SA [REDACTED] CONTACTED BOTH TELEVISION
EVANGELISTS, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], AND ADVISED THEM OF
THE PREVIOUS INCIDENTS AND NEED TO APPROPRIATELY SCREEN PACKAGES
RECEIVED AT THEIR OFFICES. THEY WERE ADVISED THAT THIS CONTACT
WAS ONLY ADVISATORY IN NATURE AND THAT THEY WOULD RECEIVE FURTHER
INFORMATION FROM THE POSTAL INSPECTORS OFFICE.

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AS NO OTHER LEADS REMAIN OUTSTANDING IN THE KNOXVILLE
DIVISION, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED AND THIS
MATTER IS BEING SUBMITTED PUC.

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PASS: FBIHQ, CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID, ROOM 15948; COUNTER

TERRORISM SECTION, CID, ROOM 5222.

SUBJECT: UNSUB [REDACTED] - VICTIM; PAT

ROBERTSON - VICTIM; REGENT UNIVERSITY; CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING
NETWORK; CIVIL RIGHTS; DO: NORFOLK.

RE NORFOLK TELETYPES TO THE DIRECTOR DATED APRIL 28,
APRIL 30, AND MAY 2, 1990.

A REVIEW OF TELEVISION EVANGELIST IN THE KNOXVILLE DIVISION

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PASS: CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID, ROOM 18948; COUNTERTERRORISM

SECTION, CID, ROOM 5222; FBI LABORATORY, DNA UNIT; FBI ACADEMY,

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE UNIT, ATTENTION: SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: UNSUB; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; PAT ROBERTSON -

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RE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON 4/27/90 BETWEEN SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOUSTON DIVISION AND SA [REDACTED] NORFOLK

DIVISION.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO SA [REDACTED] REGARDING
THE LAKEWOOD CHURCH MAIL BOMBING IN HOUSTON, TEXAS ON 1/31/90.
HOUSTON CASE NUMBER [REDACTED] HOUSTON DIVISION PROVIDED
NORFOLK WITH A LIST OF POTENTIAL SUSPECTS INVOLVED IN THE
LAKEWOOD MAIL BOMBING. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME [REDACTED] WHITE, MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED] NO CURRENT ADDRESS. [REDACTED]
HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED BY SA [REDACTED] AT THE BEAUMONT RA AND
BY AN AGENT FROM THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS.

NAME [REDACTED] WHITE, MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]
ADDRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ASSOCIATED WITH THE WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH AT
SMYRNA, TENNESSEE. [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THE
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS ON FEBRUARY 7, 1990.

NAME [REDACTED] WHITE, MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ADDRESS [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS
OF THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS ON FEBRUARY 6,

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1990. INVESTIGATION ON [REDACTED] CONTINUES.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION: NAME: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECEIVED AN

UNUSAL PACKAGE OF MATERIALS IN THE MAIL REGARDING BILLY GRAHAM.

[REDACTED] NOTIFIED THE LITTLE ROCK DIVIS ON.

[REDACTED] WAS

INTERVIEWED IN LATE FEBRUARY IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS BY THE FBI.

HOUSTON DIVISION HAS NO VIABLE SUSPECTS NOR ANY CONCRETE
LOCAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE MAIL BOMBING INJURING [REDACTED]

AT THE LAKEWOOD CHURCH ON JANUARY 31, 1990. HOUSTON CONTINUES TO
WORK WITH THE POSTAL INSPECTOR SERVICE AND THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL,
TOBACCO AND FIREARMS.

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ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT
 SSF To : Director, FBI (CID, Room 1B948)

Date 5/30/90

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SA [redacted]

(44A-NF-26689) (P)

Subject: UNSUB; [redacted]

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VICTIM,

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 5/25/90

Reason for the delinquency: CASE AGENT'S ATTENDANCE AT
 INSERVICES RE DDRP AND EAP MATTERS AND OTHER
 INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS

Date ☐ airtel ☒ report ☐ letter ☐ LHM will reach the Bureau: 6/15/90

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PASS: HQ FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID, ROOM 1B 948; COUN
TERRORISM SECTION, CID, ROOM 5222.

SUBJECT: UNSUB; [REDACTED] VICTIM; PAT ROBERTSON-
VICTIM; REGENT UNIVERSITY; CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK; CIVIL
RIGHTS, OO: NORFOLK.

REFERENCE: FBI NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED MAY 2,
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ADVISED OF THE PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE APRIL 27, 1990, BOMBING AT REGENT UNIVERSITY, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA. HE WAS ADVISED OF THE DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE A FOUR BY SIX BY THREE INCH PLAIN BROWN PAPER WRAPPED PARCEL WITH A TYPED LABEL AND RETURN ADDRESS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND NORTH CAROLINA POST MARK. HE WAS ALSO ADVISED OF THE EVENTS OF JANUARY 30, 1990, AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THERE ARE NO T.V. EVANGELISTS BROADCASTING FROM THE BOSTON METROPOLITAN AREA.

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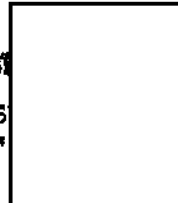
[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE ONLY TELEVISION EVANGELIST SEEN IN THE BOSTON AREA BROADCASTS FROM THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES. BOSTON INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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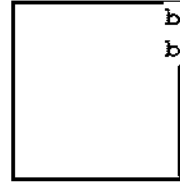
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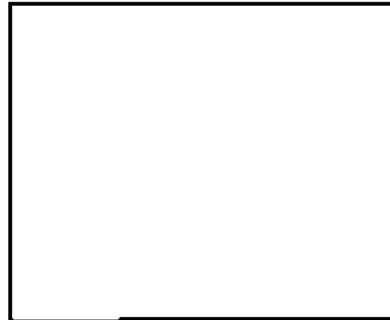
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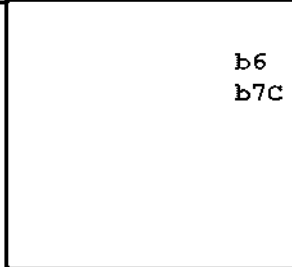
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SUBJECT: UNSUB;  PAT ROBERTSON-
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RE NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR FBI AND ALL CONTINENTAL
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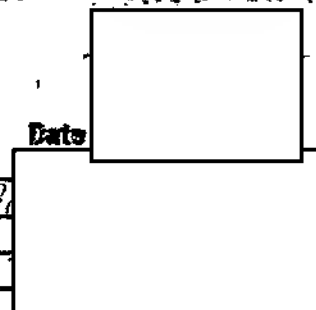
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REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED ALL RECEIVING OFFICES TO CONTACT
INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS, CONSIDERED
"TELEVISION EVANGELISTS" WHO RECEIVE EXTENSIVE EXPOSURE THROUGH
CABLE TELEVISION AND WARN OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTIONED CASE.

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SAN ANTONIO HAS NO "TELEVISION EVANGELISTS" OF NOTE,
THEREFORE NO CONTACTS WERE MADE. INASMUCH AS NO FURTHER
INVESTIGATION IS OUTSTANDING, SAN ANTONIO CONSIDERS THIS MATTER
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TO [REDACTED] DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTN: CIVIL RIGHT UNIT, CID, ROOM 1B 948

FROM [REDACTED] SAC, NORFOLK (44A-NF-26689) (C)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] UNSUB(S); [REDACTED] - VICTIM;

PAT ROBERTSON - VICTIM;
 REGENT UNIVERSITY;
 CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK;
 CIVIL RIGHTS
 OO: NORFOLK

Reference Norfolk Airtel to the Bureau, 6/18/90,
 and Bureau airtel to Norfolk, 7/27/90.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM
 regarding investigation conducted in this matter.

In view of the opinion of AUSA [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] as reported in LHM, no further investigation is being
 conducted by the Norfolk Division.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 44A-NF-26689

Norfolk, VA 23510

August 22, 1990

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PAT ROBERTSON - VICTIM;
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On August 13, 1990, Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Norfolk Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) contacted Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED] Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk, Virginia, regarding this investigation. AUSA [REDACTED] again pointed out that he had decided that the United States Postal Service - Inspection Service (USPS-IS) should be the primary investigative agency in this bombing matter, inasmuch as the bomb was sent to the Christian Broadcasting Network through the United States Post Office mail service. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF) is assisting in this investigation. AUSA [REDACTED] stated that it is his understanding that the BATF is the primary investigative agency regarding a bomb mailed to Reverend John Osteen in Houston, Texas, on January 30, 1990. All logical investigation in North Carolina, where the bomb mailings originated, is being conducted by the USPS-IS and the BATF.

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AUSA [REDACTED] stated that should a subject(s) be identified in the Virginia Beach incident, prosecution of the matter would take place in United States District Court in Norfolk. AUSA [REDACTED]

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AUSA [REDACTED] advised that the

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AUSA [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]

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AUSA [REDACTED] stated that he is of the opinion that the USPS-IS and the BATF should continue their investigation of this matter. AUSA [REDACTED] said that any investigation by the FBI would merely duplicate the effort already expended by these agencies. AUSA [REDACTED] stated that he was of the opinion that any investigative reports in this matter should be submitted by the USPS-IS and BATF. Upon receipt of any reports from these agencies, he will make them available to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. AUSA [REDACTED] directed that any reports of investigation which were already in the possession of the FBI should be forwarded to the Civil Rights Division for their consideration. AUSA [REDACTED] stated that he would gladly discuss the possibility of future prosecution under the Civil Rights statutes with interested attorneys from the Civil Rights Division.

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The following documents are attached for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice:

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The Virginian-Pilot AND THE LEDGER-STAR

SATURDAY
APRIL 28, 1990

Mailed bomb injures CBN guard

Robertson says blast aimed at him

By Tom Holden
and Mark O'Keefe
Staff writers

VIRGINIA BEACH — A package bomb sent to religious broadcaster M.G. "Pat" Robertson exploded Friday in the mail room of the Christian Broadcasting Network, wounding a security guard who opened it.

Robertson called the blast the latest assault in a "spiritual battle" that has included the arson of a Christian singer's office and the explosion of a bomb intended for a Texas preacher.

The CBN guard, Scott Scheepers, 33, was in stable condition at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital after surgeons treated him for shrapnel in his left thigh and for superficial burns to his stomach. No one else was injured.

Robertson hurriedly left a Regent

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- Security at "The Forbidden City" may have saved M.G. "Pat" Robertson's life/A2
- Indiana fire investigators are looking for possible connections between the Virginia Beach mail bomb and the arson last week at the office of Christian singer Sandi Patti/A3

University board meeting to pray with Scheepers in the emergency room.

"The tragedy is that this young father was injured by a man or an individual who seems to be deranged and intended to kill or maim me," Robertson said. "We know the package that contained the bomb was sent from North Carolina. We don't know any more than that."

After meeting with police and CBN security officers, Robertson said the bomb was "crudely made."

"Had it been more sophisticated, he'd be dead now," Robertson said.

The explosion, reported to police

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CBN security guard Scott Scheepers, above, was burned and struck by shrapnel when the package bomb went off. Behind him and at right is his wife, Darlene. He was in stable condition late Friday at Norfolk Sentara General Hospital. Law officer's vehicles, right, joined CBN trucks outside the mail room in the Corporate Support Building after the blast.



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at 12:34 p.m., occurred in the first floor of the Corporate Support Building, formerly called the World Outreach Center. The building serves as the technical nerve center of the CBN complex.

Damage was minimal. There were no other injuries because mail room workers were attending a regular noon chapel service.

Piles of boxes and packages stacked outside the mail room in loading dock No. 3 were undisturbed. The CBN transmission facility in the south wing of the building near the mail room, was not affected.

The bomb was in a 6-inch-long rectangular package. CBN officials said. Inside, a pipe with a detonator was filled with small pieces of metal, said James M. Small, CBN's director of security.

"It acted like a shotgun blast," Small said. "It was like a pipe going off and everything inside that pipe flying out. When the explosive device goes off, the shrapnel is supposed to disperse and kill somebody or create damage."

After the explosion, Small went to the mail room and found emergency workers tending to Scheepers, who had walked 150 feet to the front entrance of the building, where he apparently collapsed.

Small said he found paper and cardboard strewn about the mail room. Still on a small table in the back of the mail room was the package, a slit on the side where Scheepers, an auxiliary police officer with the city of Poquoson, apparently opened it, Small said.

Small said the package contained printed materials that appeared to be newspaper clippings or press releases, but he did not know any more details.

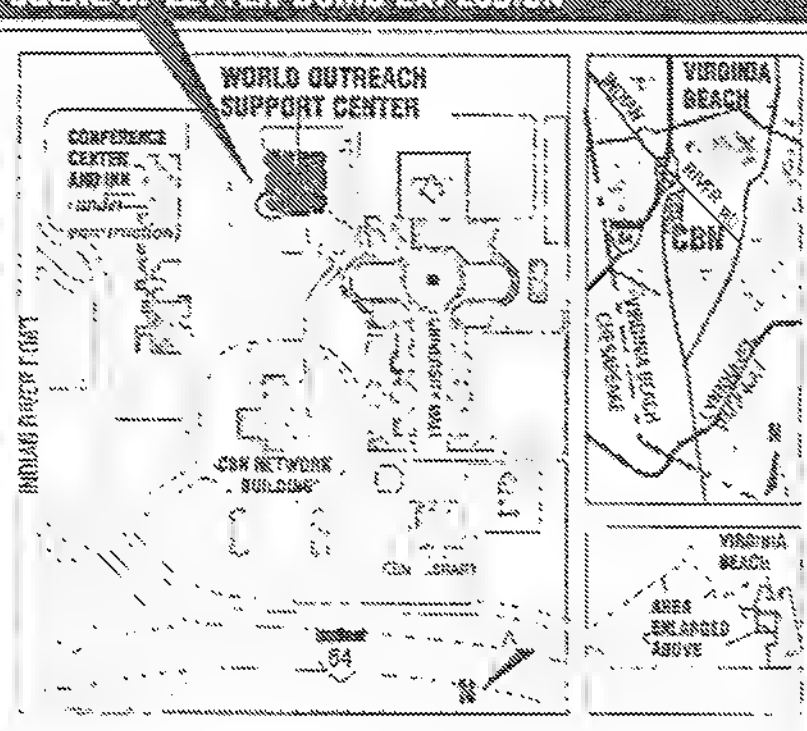
After the blast, inspectors from the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; the Virginia State Police; Virginia Beach police and the city Fire Department sealed off the building.

At least two bomb-sniffing dogs — a black German shepherd and black Labrador retriever — were used to search through stacks of packages in the mail room. About 3:30 p.m. the Labrador was taken outside by a state police handler to search the area around the building.

No other bombs were known to have been discovered.

The local investigation will be handled by the Fire Department,

SCENE OF LETTER-BOMB EXPLOSION



Staff photo by CBN's GARY

but because the package arrived through the Postal Service, federal agents will also assume a key role in tracing the origin of the package.

A small parking lot on the west side of the red brick, Colonial style building served as a staging area for the investigation and quickly became clogged with police cars, an ambulance, a fire truck, a dark blue Virginia State Police bomb-disposal truck and an evidence-recovery van.

Robertson said the package arrived Thursday and initially aroused suspicion after it was screened with a device similar to metal detectors used for airport security.

Normal procedure called for one of three trained security officers to examine the package while others are instructed to leave the 30 by 50-foot mail room, Small said.

A decision must then be made whether to open the package or alert a bomb-disposal team. Scheepers, he said, made the wrong decision.

"Procedures are set up," Small said. "It went right to the T, except for him opening the package."

He said that it was the first active bomb found in the CBN mail room, but that CBN regularly receives hostile messages through the mail.

Such messages were more commonplace when Robertson was a presidential candidate, Small said.

Meanwhile, investigators are expected to search for similarities among Friday's incident and other

recent attacks against prominent evangelicals across the country.

Fire investigators in Anderson, Ind., are looking for connections between the CBN bomb and an arson fire last week at gospel singer Sandi Patti's Anderson office.

A group identifying itself as the Equus Religious Coalition claimed responsibility for the April 17 attack that destroyed the singer's office.

Law enforcement officials said they did not know whether there also was a connection to a third incident, a letter bomb mailed in January to the Rev. John Osteen of Lakewood Church in Houston. Osteen is a nationally known religious broadcaster and evangelical leader.

Osteen's daughter was injured Jan. 30 when she opened the package. Postal inspectors have cited evidence that the letter bomb to Osteen was mailed from Elizabeth town, N.C. CBN officials were not certain which city in North Carolina the Friday's bomb was from.

Despite the attack, Robertson said no changes in security are planned at CBN.

Robertson said he was unshaken by the blast.

"I think that what we have to recognize is that we're in the spiritual battle. We're trying to help people we're trying to bring the message of Jesus Christ to people."

"The work they are doing is effective. But it's dangerous."

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Box raised suspicions but 'appeared safe' to victim

By Tony Germanotta
Staff writer

NORFOLK — The package had raised suspicions in the mail room, but security guard Scott Scheepers had seen so many odd offerings over the 4 1/2 years he has worked at CBN that he considered the call routine.

He went to investigate Friday afternoon and picked up the box, wrapped in brown paper and addressed to CBN founder M.G. "Pat" Robertson.

It was disarmingly light, but something jostled inside when he shook it, Scheepers said from his hospital bed Friday evening.

So Scheepers ran the box through an X-ray machine he said is similar

to those used at post offices.

"It was kind of inconclusive," he said, so he ran the box through a second time, "and the package appeared to be safe. I didn't detect anything inside of it that was dangerous."

It was lunch time at the Christian Broadcasting Network, and employees were at a noon chapel service, so Scheepers was alone when he began to unwrap the box. It was about 6 inches long, 2 inches high and 4 inches deep, Scheepers said. He put the box on a desk, removed the wrapping and began to open it.

"I never saw what was inside the box," he said. "I'd say, maybe it

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opened about an inch, and then the explosion took place, and the next thing I knew I was lying on the floor."

The blast did not render him unconscious.

"I got to the floor and I looked around me and I saw smoke and dust," he said. Floating in the air were particles that looked like confetti, and the acrid smell of a shotgun blast filled the room. "You could smell the powder in the air," Scheepers said.

"I had severe pain in my leg and in my abdomen area," he said. "I actually lay down on the floor and was holding my leg. . . . I felt like, 'I've got to get out of here,' because I didn't know how long I could lie there before someone would find me there."

So Scheepers, a 33-year-old member of the Poquoson police auxiliary, dragged himself "as best I could out to the front lobby of the building."

A woman in a restroom had heard the explosion, and when Scheepers got to the lobby about 20 people were there to help him.

Scheepers was taken to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, where the director of the shock trauma unit, Dr. L.D. Britt, removed a dime-size sliver of metal from Scheepers' thigh.

Britt said X-rays showed there are still five fragments, about the same size or slightly larger, imbedded deeply in Scheepers' left thigh. Because they are not threatening blood vessels or nerves, they will be left alone, Britt said.

"He was fortunate," Britt said. "He obviously opened it at a low level. Had he opened it from the chest . . . it would have been a different sort of injury pattern and a little more serious."

Scheepers is in fair to good condition, Britt said, and will be kept at the hospital for three to four days for observation. Scheepers was guarded by members of a private security company Friday evening.

Scheepers said he felt fine. "My left thigh here is sore and I have a sore spot here on my other hand. Other than that I'm OK."

He said he would have no problems returning to his job at CBN once he recovers. "It's been a good organization to work for," he said.

His wife, Darlene, said that decision will be his. "I just thank the Lord that he's OK," she said.

Robertson visited him at the hospital, Scheepers said, and was "very sincere and very supportive."

Scheepers did not write down the name or return address on the package but recalled that it was from somewhere in North Carolina.

He said it seemed so like the 75 to 80 other suspicious packages he had opened at CBN over the years.

Those others, he said, all came from "well-meaning people that have sent something to Dr. Robertson that they want him to have for some reason."

"I had no idea that this

Authorities seek links between bombing, arson

By Marjorie Mayfield
Staff writer

Fire investigators in Anderson, Ind., are looking for possible connections between the bomb mailed to religious broadcaster M.G. "Pat" Robertson and the arson last week of the Anderson office of Christian singer Sandi Patti.

A group identifying itself as the Equal Religious Coalition took responsibility for the April 17 damage to the singer's office. A woman claiming to speak for the coalition pledged to target other religious leaders who market their message and who, she said, put themselves "on the pedestal of God."

Law enforcement officials said they do not know whether there also could be a connection to a third incident: a letter bomb mailed in January to the Rev. John Osteen of Lakewood Church in Houston. Like Robertson, Osteen is a nationally known religious broadcaster and evangelical leader.

Osteen's daughter suffered flesh wounds Jan. 30 when she opened a package addressed to her father. Postal inspectors have cited evidence that the package to Osteen was mailed from Elizabethtown, N.C.

The bomb-package addressed to Robertson also was mailed from somewhere in North Carolina. Neither Houston nor Virginia Beach investigators would speculate on whether there could be connections.

Robertson, however, said Friday that he believes that the bomb that injured a security guard "could be part of a pattern of attacks against evangelical Christians." He added: "This is evidence of extreme hatred by some deranged individuals who want to silence the Christian voice in this country."

Shortly after Patti's office was torched, an unidentified woman called an Anderson newspaper and radio station and claimed that the Equal Religious Coalition was responsible.

Officials said they have had no luck finding anyone who has heard of the coalition. They also have been unable to trace the calls, said Terry King, chief of investigations for the

Anderson Herald-Bulletin, the woman said in part: "We believe religion is not for sale. As a group, we vow to fight the likes of Mrs. Patti, and we will continue to do so in our own way."

The caller also said the gospel singer was targeted "in objection to Mrs. Patti's blatancy to continue to put herself on the pedestal of God."

No one was injured in the Anderson fire, but damage was extensive. The office handles mail distribution of Patti's records, tapes and T-shirts.

Terry, the Anderson fire chief, said in a telephone interview Friday that his department has been in contact with officials in Virginia Beach to explore similarities. King said, "We're going to be comparing notes."

"At this point in time, I don't know if there would be a connection, but it would be ludicrous for us not to consider it . . . if we are looking at such a thing as an Equal Religious Coalition that is going to spotlight known religious figures nationwide," he added.

King said the caller in the Patti case did not mention Robertson but did mention former evangelist Jim Bakker. "The words were . . . 'the likes of Mrs. Patti and Jim Bakker,'" he said.

In the Osteen case, law enforcement officials circulated a police sketch of a possible suspect: a white man of about 6 feet and 170 pounds. No one, however, has been arrested and the investigation is continuing, said Dennis Price, a spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Houston.

Osteen endorsed Robertson's campaign for president in 1988. Osteen's 12,000-member church is known as The Oasis of Love.

The package that exploded in Osteen's church was the size of a shoebox. The bomb went off when Lisa Osteen began removing tape from it, officials said. The package opened in Virginia Beach apparently was smaller, only about 6 inches long. The Osteen package contained nails, while the bomb in Virginia Beach produced shrapnel of various

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Postal agency offers reward in CBN blast

By Tom Holden
Staff writer

VIRGINIA BEACH — The U.S. Postal Inspection Service offered a \$50,000 reward Saturday to anyone who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who mailed a bomb to M.G. "Pat" Robertson, the founder of Christian Broadcasting Network.

The package, discovered Thursday in CBN's mail room, exploded Friday when a security guard tried to open it. William Scott Scheepers, 33, who had X-rayed the package twice before he opened it, suffered shrapnel wounds to his left leg and abdomen. He was listed in stable condition Saturday at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

A joint task force of federal and local police agencies has been formed to investigate the bombing, said Cedric W. Lawrence Jr., a spokesman for the Postal Inspection Service in Richmond.

In Fayetteville, N.C., federal investigators said Saturday that the bomb and a similar one mailed to the Rev. John Osteen of Lakewood Church in Houston were mailed from Bladen County and had Fayetteville return addresses. The Houston bomb injured Osteen's daughter when she opened the package Jan. 30.

Like Robertson, Osteen is a nationally known religious broadcaster.

Postal inspectors in Texas have cited evidence that the letter bomb to Osteen was mailed from Elizabethtown, in Bladen County.

Richard Metz, senior postal inspector for North Carolina and South Carolina, said the CBN bomb was mailed from Bladenboro, also in Bladen County, on April 20.

The mail room, on the first floor of the Corporate Support Building, remained sealed Saturday, but Lawrence said he expected it would be

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Authorities said they had received no new bombs, correspondence or phone calls from anyone claiming responsibility.

Lawrence said technicians have collected evidence from the mail room and have sent it to Washington, D.C., for analysis. He declined to describe the bomb.

James M. Small, CBN's director of security, said Friday that the bomb was in a 6-inch-long rectangular package and consisted of a detonator and a pipe filled with small pieces of metal.

"It acted like a shotgun blast," Small said. "It was like a pipe going off and everything inside that pipe flying out. When the explosive device goes off, the shrapnel is supposed to disperse and kill somebody or create damage."

He said the package also contained printed materials that appeared to be newspaper clippings or press releases. Authorities declined to describe the printed materials.

Robertson called the attack the latest assault in a nationwide "spiritual battle" and cited the arson in Anderson, Ind., of Christian singer Sandi Patti's office and the bomb intended for Osteen.

But postal inspectors had not found any link between the Indiana and the Texas and CBN incidents.

"I think that what we have to recognize is that we're in the spiritual battle," Robertson said Friday. "We're trying to help people; we're trying to bring the message of Jesus Christ to people."

"The work they are doing is effective. But it's dangerous."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Mail bomb explodes, injures guard at CBN

VIRGINIA BEACH (AP) — A mail bomb exploded at the CBN Cable Network yesterday, injuring a guard, a CBN spokeswoman said.

A package with a North Carolina postmark was scanned in the mailroom and was thought to be suspicious, said the spokeswoman, Frankie Abourjilie.

Scott Scheepers, the guard, was summoned, and the bomb exploded when he opened the package just before noon, Mrs. Abourjilie said.

Scheepers, 33, was taken to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. Pat Robertson, founder of the network, said he was called out of a meeting about 1 p.m. and went immediately to the hospital.

"This could be part of a pattern of attacks against evangelical Christians," said Robertson, who added that the package was addressed to him.

Robertson said it was the third such incident in recent months, pointing to the letter bomb explosion at the church of the Rev. John Osteen of Houston that injured his daughter and the apparent arson at the Indiana offices of gospel singer Sandi Patti.

A shoebox size package exploded in the lap of Mr. Osteen's daughter, Lisa, Jan. 30. She was not seriously injured. Houston police said the package was postmarked from North Carolina.

On April 17, Ms. Patti's offices in Anderson, Ind., were heavily damaged by arson. An anonymous caller claiming to represent a group called the Equal Religious Coalition claimed responsibility for the blaze

and said the offices burned because Ms. Patti "put herself on the pedestal of God."

Police in Anderson said they had never heard of the group but were taking the group's claims seriously.

"This is evidence of extreme hatred by some deranged individuals who want to silence the Christian voice in this country," Robertson said of the CBN explosion. "They should realize that devices sent through the mail will never reach those for whom they are intended. Their victims will be innocent men and women who have devoted their lives to serving God."

Virginia Beach police spokesman Lou Thurston declined to give any details about the bomb or any leads that police might have.

Robertson said the bomb was a "crude device. If it had been a bit more sophisticated, it would have killed Scott."

"I'm all right," Scheepers said from his hospital bed. He described the package as 6 inches long, 2 inches wide and 4 inches deep. It was wrapped in brown paper.

Scheepers said he was called to the mailroom by an employee. "It's one of 75 or 80 that I have opened in the past," he said.

Scheepers ran the package through an X-ray machine twice. "It appeared to be safe, it wasn't heavy at all, in fact it was pretty light."

He took the package to a desk, unwrapped it and "I'd opened it about a half-inch and it just exploded. I didn't see what was inside."

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Mail bombs traced to Fayetteville area

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The mail bombs that exploded in a church in Texas in January and at Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach Friday were mailed from Bladen County and had Fayetteville return addresses, federal officials said.

The investigation into both bombings is concentrated in the Fayetteville area, spokesmen for the U.S. Postal Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said Saturday.

The first bomb, which exploded in the 10,000-member interdenominational Lakewood Church in northeast Houston in late January, injured Lisa Osteen, 21, director of ministries.

An investigation has disclosed that the package bomb was mailed from the Elizabethtown Post Office in Bladen County on Jan. 26, said Paul Lyons, the bureau's senior agent in North Carolina.

On Friday, a bomb in a package addressed to the Rev. Pat Robertson at the Christian Broadcasting Co. in Virginia Beach exploded in the mail room when it was opened by a guard.

The guard, Scott Scheepers, 33, was admitted to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital in stable condition with shrapnel wounds in the

left leg.

Richard Metz, senior postal inspector for North Carolina and South Carolina, said the package containing the explosive was mailed from the Bladenboro post office on April 20.

Sources told the Fayetteville Observer-Times that both packages had Fayetteville return addresses. Metz declined to disclose them.

Metz and Lyons said their offices had been in contact with Cumberland County Sheriff Morris Bedsole since Friday because of the connection with the bombings and because of the services conducted by television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart Friday and Saturday nights at the Cumberland County Civic Auditorium.

Bedsole said security around the evangelist has been increased since the news of the Virginia Beach bombing. There were no reports of any problems but the sheriff said he was taking no chances.

A \$50,000 reward has already been offered in the Houston bombing. There will be an additional reward in the Virginia Beach incident, Metz said.

Lyons said he does not believe either bomb is connected with any other mail bombs.

Network's 'Forbidden City' is known for tight security

Staff and wire reports

VIRGINIA BEACH — Tight security at the Christian Broadcasting Network building where a mail bomb exploded and injured a security guard has given the facility the name, "The Forbidden City."

But CBN founder Pat Robertson, to whom the bomb that exploded Friday had been addressed, defended the operation's system of private police and electronic monitors.

"The security worked, as far as I'm concerned," Robertson said. "The thing that hurts me is that a very fine officer was injured by someone trying to hurt me. But our security worked. They didn't get close to me."

The bomb went off about 12:30 p.m. as the guard, who had been alerted to a suspicious package by a mail room employee, tried to open it.

Scott Scheepers, 33, the CBN security guard who suffered wounds to his left leg, was condition upgraded from fair to stable Saturday, a spokesman for Sentara Norfolk General Hospital said. Scheepers, a former Poquoson police officer, was hit in the left thigh by several pieces of shrapnel when he opened a package Friday that exploded in his hands.

The mail room where the explosion occurred is CBN's Corporate Support Building, the nerve center of Robertson's Christian outreach operation and the depository for mail-in donations from followers of The

700 Club broadcast ministry.

With daily deliveries of about 10,000 letters and packages, the red-brick, Colonial-style structure houses the largest private post office in the region and has its own ZIP code.

The Corporate Support Building, constructed for \$17.5 million in 1985, also houses CBN's corporate offices, its publishing operation and the main receiving department. The heart of the building is CBN's broadcast facility, an enormous transmission center wired to a field of white satellite dishes.

The 290,000-square-foot, three-story structure sits on about an acre of land separated from the main CBN complex by fields and a pond.

Access to the site is controlled through a central guardhouse, and the building itself is routinely patrolled, inside and out, by walking security officers. No one is allowed to enter or move within the building without a CBN security badge.

James M. Small, CBN's security director, said the mail room routinely intercepts hostile messages intended for Robertson.

CBN has installed an X-ray machine, like those in airports, to scan all packages received. Suspicious packages are checked by security.

Over the years, the ministry has received jars of urine, excrement in aluminum foil and fake bombs, but such packages were more common when Robertson

was a presidential candidate, Small said.

"It's a sad statement about our society, but there's so much violence and hate," said Christian Cate, a 24-year-old student at Robertson's CBN University who has worked as a campus courier delivering packages to the mail room.

"Some students call it 'The Forbidden City' because the security is so tight around here," Cate said of the CBN complex.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is investigating the possibility that the bombing may be related to a similar incident that occurred in Houston, Texas, a Virginia Beach police spokesman said Saturday.

Robertson said Friday that the daughter of the Rev. John Osteen of Houston was injured a few months ago when a package she opened exploded.

Last week, an arsonist torched the Indiana recording studio of Christian singer Sandi Patti.

All evidence in Friday's bombing is being collected and analysed by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service crime lab in Washington, D.C., the police spokesman said.

She said the federal agency is offering as much as \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest of those responsible. Anyone with information is asked to call the agency toll-free at 1-800-535-9541.

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The CBN bombing

The psychopaths among us who can't stand to have political or social issues resolved peacefully are hard at work.

Last year, abortion clinics were hit by bombings and other acts of violence. Earlier this year, racists sent letter bombs to judges and lawyers involved in civil-rights cases in the South; two men were killed. Now there seems to be a pattern of violent attacks on prominent Christians.

The bomb mailed to religious broadcaster Pat Robertson — which injured a Christian Broadcasting Network security guard Friday — was preceded by (1) a letter bomb mailed to Texas evangelist and broadcaster John Osteen in January, which exploded and injured Mr. Osteen's daughter, and (2) the arson in Illinois April 17 of the office of Christian singer Sandi Patti. A group calling itself the Equal Religious Coalition took responsibility for the arson and promised to go after other religious leaders who put themselves "on the pedestal of God."

So far, there is no conclusive evidence linking the three events. And, as terrorist

activities in other parts of the world have taught us, often the person or group that claims responsibility for an act may not be involved in it at all.

Nonetheless, the prospect of some organized attempt to target Christian leaders is scary. As Christians have become more active in political activities, they have become more threatening to some. Unfortunately, tragically, there are deranged people who respond to political activism with violence. This sickness is not unique to the United States — note that a major political candidate in West Germany was stabbed at a campaign rally last week — but we seem to have more than our share of it.

The strength of the democratic process in a free society is that ideas are tested in the political arena by the news media and the ballot box. Conservative religious groups — and Mr. Robertson himself — have entered that political marketplace. That is their right. That someone or some group may be attempting to prevent them from exercising that right, through intimidation or even murder, is a danger to all of us.

Christian Network Guard Injured by Mail Bomb

Package Was Addressed to Pat Robertson

By Dana Priest
Washington Post Staff Writer

A security guard at the evangelical television network in Virginia Beach headed by the Rev. Marion G. "Pat" Robertson was injured yesterday when a mail bomb exploded, police said.

Scott Sheepers, 33, suffered shrapnel wounds on the left leg and abdomen after he was called to the mail room of the Christian Broadcasting Network to inspect a package with a North Carolina postmark that other employees had put through an X-ray scanner and determined to be suspicious.

Sheepers, a CBN employee since 1985, was reported in stable condition at the Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Rhonda Hoover.

No one else was injured, and police who arrived shortly after the 12:34 p.m. blast said the building was not damaged and that bomb-sniffing dogs brought to the scene found no other bombs.

At a news conference, CBN founder Robertson said the package was addressed to him and was "evidence of extreme hatred by some deranged individuals who want to silence the Christian voice in this country."

Robertson, who unsuccessfully sought the Republican presidential nomination in 1988, said the bomb "could be part of a pattern of attacks against evangelical Christians."

In January, a pastor's daughter opening her father's mail at Lake-

wood Baptist Church in Houston was injured in the explosion of a bomb in a package believed to have been postmarked in North Carolina.

A month earlier, mail bombs killed U.S. District Judge Robert S. Vance in Birmingham, Ala., and Robert E. Robinson, an alderman in Savannah, Ga. Both of those slayings are believed to have been racially motivated.

Virginia Beach police spokesman Lou Thurston said there were no suspects in yesterday's bombing, that it was "too early to tell" if it was connected to the Houston case and that police had not yet determined whether the device had been sent by mail or delivered by courier.

CBN spokeswoman Glenda Woodington said the network had received no unusual threats recently, although "we get threats all the time." She described the device as a "pipe bomb stuffed with shrapnel."

Thurston said he could not confirm Woodington's description of the type of device that exploded.

"It's just been panic here," said Woodington. "The mood is quite serious and our prayers, of course, are with" Sheepers.

The federal bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, U.S. Postal inspectors, the Virginia State Police bomb squad and local police and fire departments are investigating.

Robertson is the host of "The 700 Club," a Christian television program seen daily in more than 950,000 households, according to figures cited by the Associated Press.

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Bombing puts county in spotlight

By DAVID CHERNICKY
Staff Writer

In rural Bladen County, N.C., Sheriff Earl Storm doesn't remember a case that placed this normally tranquil community in the national spotlight more than the investigation of the two mail bombings at the Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach on Friday and one in January at a church in Houston.

"I was trying to think back over the years and I don't recall any other case that brought this much publicity and this many federal agents here," said Storm, who has been sheriff since 1978 and was a deputy for 11 years before that.

A federal task force comprised of investigators from the U.S. Postal Service in Charlotte and Raleigh, and agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, has invaded this county 35 miles east of Fayetteville because two post offices 10 miles apart are where authorities say the two mail bombs originated.

Postal Investigator Judith Groome said the mail bomb that exploded in Houston was delivered Jan. 30 to Lakewood Church, headquarters for televangelist John Osteen. Osteen's daughter was burned when the parcel exploded as she opened

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CBN spokeswoman Frankie Abourjilie

it, Groome said.

She said investigators believed that bomb was dropped off on or about Jan. 26 at the post office at Elizabethtown, N.C., 10 miles from Bladenboro, where someone mailed the bomb that exploded at CBN on Friday, injuring a security guard.

Authorities say they have reason to believe the bombings are connected because both packages had Fayetteville return addresses.

Sam Lewis, BATF agent in charge of the Fayetteville office, said the task force there is one of three task forces involved in the case. A task force comprised of BATF agents, postal investigators, Virginia Beach police and fire departments and Virginia State Police is probing the CBN incident, and another task force is working in Houston.

"Our investigation is gaining momentum by the sheer energy

and effort," Lewis said. He said a \$50,000 reward from the Postal Service has generated some response but he declined to elaborate. The toll-free number to call if anyone has information is 1-800-535-9542.

In size, Bladen County is the state's fourth largest, covering 900 square miles, Storm said. About a third of its 32,000 residents are crop farmers, growing tobacco, soybeans, corn and peanuts. "It's a tobacco area mostly," he said.

Although Bladen County, like most of the nation, has not escaped the illicit drug trade, the sheriff says the crime rate is low. "We got more than we need, but nothing out of hand. No epidemic or anything."

At Robertson's television ministry Monday, CBN spokeswoman Frankie Abourjilie said the mood was upbeat and positive.

At a noon prayer meeting, Robertson told a gathering of followers that they should be alert and careful, but not let acts directed at the ministry intimidate them, Abourjilie said. "This is not going to stop our ministry from doing preaching the gospel," she said.

"Most people on the outside see a ministry as very low-profile and non-hazardous. That's never been true with the CBN ministry. We have a very high profile and that makes us vulnerable worldwide," she said, adding that CBN also operates two Christian television stations in Lebanon that have been the targets of past bombings.

Scott Scheepers, the 33-year-old security guard injured by the bomb at CBN, was released from the hospital Monday. Scheepers was at his home in Poquoson recovering from bruises and shrapnel wounds in his left leg.

Abourjilie said CBN plans no changes in its mail-handling operation. "We receive annually about 20 million pieces of mail, or 385,000 a week. Of those, three, four or five pieces a week are referred to security because they contain threats or appear suspicious. None have ever been explosive," Abourjilie said.

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Sketches released in CBN mail bomb inquiry

By Tom Holden
Staff writer

VIRGINIA BEACH — The U.S. Postal Inspection Service released two composites Wednesday of a man wanted for questioning about the mail bomb that exploded at CBN and injured a security guard last week.

The drawings are similar, but a Postal Service spokesman could not say with certainty whether the composites are of the same man or two who look alike.

"They were compiled at two different times and in two different cities, and you can look at them and see for yourself a remarkable resemblance," said Cedric W. Lawrence Jr., spokesman for the Richmond office of the inspection service.

"Some people can look at them and see two different people," he said later. "What we're giving you is two different composites done by two different people."

The drawings are of a white man, about 28 to 35 years old, who has a neat appearance and brown hair, and who weighs 160 to 175 pounds.

On April 20, a package containing a bomb was



Composite sketches of suspect or suspects

mailed from Bladenboro, N.C., to M.G. "Pat" Robertson, founder of Christian Broadcasting Network. The package appeared suspicious to security guards, who X-rayed it twice, before guard William Scott Scheepers, 33, opened it Friday in the mail room where the explosion occurred.

Scheepers suffered shrapnel injuries to his left leg and abdomen and underwent surgery at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. He was released Monday.

Because the mail bomb was the second this

year directed at a prominent religious broadcaster and evangelical leader, investigators believe the incidents are connected, Lawrence said.

On Jan. 26, a letter bomb was mailed from Elizabethtown, N.C., to the Rev. John Osteen of Lakewood Church in Houston. On Jan. 30, Osteen's daughter opened the package and was injured when it exploded.

Elizabethtown and Bladenboro are about 15 miles apart.

The first composite was completed Feb. 9; the second was finished shortly after the CBN incident. Each composite was based on interviews with post office workers who remembered something unusual about the man who mailed the packages. Lawrence declined to say what prompted the postal workers to remember the man.

The Postal Inspection Service is offering a cash reward of up to \$50,000 to anyone with information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for the bombings.

The service has asked that anyone with information on the suspects call the toll free hot line at 1 800 535 9541.

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TO [REDACTED] DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM [REDACTED] SAC, LOUISVILLE (44A-NF-26689) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: UNSUB: [REDACTED] VICTIM;
 PAT' ROBERTSON - VICTIM;
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 CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK;
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Re Norfolk teletype to all FBI continental field offices, dated 4/30/90 and 5/2/90.

On May 7, 1990, [REDACTED] Kentucky Baptist Convention, 10701 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, Kentucky, and Father [REDACTED] Executive Director, Catholic T.V. Productions, 1941 Bishop Lane, both advised that the religious programming produced by their organizations feature evangelists, these programs are not seen outside the state of Kentucky.

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Inasmuch as these T.V. evangelists are local in nature, Louisville is taking no further action in this matter.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (44A-NF-26689)/PRIORITY/

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CITE: //3150:SQ12//

PASS: [REDACTED] UNIT CHIEF, CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT.

SUBJECT: PAT ROBERTSON-VICTIM; REGENTS UNIVERSITY; CHRISTIAN
BROADCASTING-NETWORK; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: CHICAGO.

REFERENCE NORFOLK TELETYPES TO FBIHQ AND ALL FIELD OFFICES
OF SEPTEMBER 28, 1990, APRIL 30, 1990, AND MAY 2, 1990. ALSO
REFERENCE TELEPHONE CALL OF SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] TO
FBIHQ SSA [REDACTED] OF MAY 1, 1990.

ON APRIL 30, 1990, CHICAGO, FBI, ESTABLISHED LIAISON IN
CAPTIONED MATTER WITH ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS, [REDACTED]

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SENIOR OPERATIONS OFFICER (DISTRICT SUPERVISOR), 2115 BUTTERFIELD ROAD, SUITE 300, OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS 60521, AND WITH THE POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, INSPECTOR [REDACTED] MAIN POST OFFICE, 6TH FLOOR, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 60669-2311.

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THE MEDIA CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE CHICAGO FBI, SA [REDACTED] HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE CAPTIONED MATTER.

ON MAY 3, 1990, CHICAGO CONTACTED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE PROVIDED WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE PACKAGE BOMB IN THE CAPTIONED MATTER:

[REDACTED] CHURCH FEDERATION OF GREATER CHICAGO, 18 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 900, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602.

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[REDACTED] WCFC-TV, 20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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[REDACTED] WMBI-FM RADIO, 820 NORTH LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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1 TO : BUREAU
2 FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44A-NF-26689) (SQ11) (RUC)
3 SUBJECT: UNSUB, [REDACTED] - VICTIM;
4 PAT ROBERTSON - VICTIM; REGENT UNIVERSITY;
5 CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK;
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8 Re Norfolk teletype to the Bureau, 4/28/90.

9 The Philadelphia Division has contacted all major
10 religious organizations within its division and advised them of
11 the Regent University pipe bomb incident.

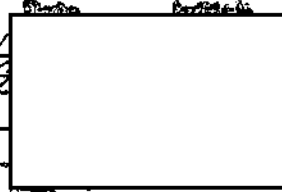
12 Inasmuch as all investigation has been conducted as
13 requested in referenced communication, Philadelphia is sending
14 this communication in a RUC status.

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16 2 - Norfolk (44A-NF-26689)
17 1 - Philadelphia (44A-NF-26689)

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REFERENCE NORFOLK TELETYPES TO FBIHQ AND ALL FIELD OFFICES
DATED APRIL 28, 1990, APRIL 30, 1990, AND MAY 2, 1990, ALSO RE
CHICAGO TELETYPE TO FBIHQ DATED MAY 3, 1990. 44-117110-26

AS RE CHICAGO TELETYPE REFLECTS, CHICAGO ESTABLISHED LIAISON
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CHICAGO HAS RECEIVED NO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS OR INFORMATION
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Date 6/18/90

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID, ROOM 1B948

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (NF-26689) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUB () - VICTIM;
PAT ROBERTSON - VICTIM;
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Reference Norfolk teletype to the Director, 5/2/90, and Norfolk FD-610, 5/4/90.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM regarding investigation conducted in this matter.

The Norfolk Division is closing this matter inasmuch as the U.S. Postal Service - Inspection Service, has been designated the primary investigative agency in this matter by the U.S. Attorney's Office at Norfolk, Virginia. Further, should any prosecution result in this matter, the individual or individuals

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charged will be prosecuted under statutes which are under the investigative jurisdiction of the Postal Service and/or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF). It is noted that the primary investigative agency in Houston, Texas, is ATF. Also, all evidence collected in the bombing matter at Virginia Beach, Virginia, and at Houston, Texas, has been processed by the laboratories of the Postal Service or ATF.

All logical investigation has been conducted at Norfolk. At the present time, intensive investigation has been conducted in the Fayetteville, North Carolina, area, by agents of the Postal Service and ATF, inasmuch as the bombs were mailed to the post offices which are located near Fayetteville.

The Charlotte Division is requested to disseminate to the Task Force in Fayetteville any information regarding suspects such as the information made available by the New York Division regarding one [REDACTED]

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Norfolk, Virginia 23510

June 18, 1990

UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);

[REDACTED] VICTIM;
PAT ROBERTSON - VICTIM;
REGENT UNIVERSITY;
CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK;
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On April 27, 1990, [REDACTED] home address [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Social Security Account Number [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he is employed as a mail clerk. [REDACTED] advised that on April 27, 1990, at approximately 11:45 a.m., he was screening packages in the mail room at the Christian Broadcasting Network utilizing an x-ray machine. [REDACTED] became suspicious of one particular package which had arrived at the network on April 26, 1990, because it appeared to contain a pipe with wires connected to it. [REDACTED] x-rayed the package six or seven times and then reported his suspicions to his supervisor. [REDACTED] stated that his suspicions regarding this package were relayed to the security office and, thereafter, [REDACTED] went to a prayer meeting and left the package in the mail room.

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On April 27, 1990, [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] Social Security Account Number [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] was interviewed at the emergency room at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

[REDACTED] advised that he is employed as a security guard at the Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach.

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ENCLOSURE

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On April 27, 1990, at approximately 11:30 a.m., [REDACTED] was advised that there was a suspicious package located in the mail room. [REDACTED] stated that he proceeded to the mail room and upon arriving there shortly after 12:00 Noon, he found that the mail room employees had left the area. [REDACTED] located what he assumed to be the suspicious package in a mail tray next to the x-ray machine. [REDACTED] said that he placed the package in the x-ray machine and did not see anything unusual. He placed the package in the machine a second time but still could not determine what was inside the box. He then carried the package to the center of the room and placed it on a table. [REDACTED] removed the brown wrapping paper from the box, opened one end flap of the box, and then pulled out some newspaper packing material which had been folded and placed inside the box. [REDACTED] then opened the top of the box and at that time, the box exploded and injured him. [REDACTED] stated that the room was filled with gray smoke and confetti-type material. [REDACTED] fell to the floor after the explosion. After a time, he got up and left the mail room. He walked down a hallway where he was able to summon help and was, thereafter, taken to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital for treatment. Following an examination in the emergency room [REDACTED] was admitted to the hospital for further observation and to receive care for his wounds.

On April 27, 1990, [REDACTED] was examined by Dr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. Dr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] status: post mail bomb explosion. Plan: the patient will be admitted for serial exams, observation and local wound care."

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On April 27, 1990, Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] Norfolk, decided that the United States Postal Service - Inspection Service should be the primary investigative agency in this bombing matter, inasmuch as the bomb was sent to the Christian Broadcasting Network through the United States Post Office.

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On April 27, 1990, a crime scene investigation was conducted at the mail room of the Christian Broadcasting Network and was supervised by Forensic Chemist [REDACTED] and Forensic Photographer [REDACTED] of the United States Postal Inspection Service Crime Laboratory. During and after the crime scene investigation, the following information was developed:

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The package was addressed to "P. Robertson, C/O, CBN, Virginia Beach, VA 23450. The return address was for one Leslie D. Marks, PHD., 545 Thelbert Dr., Fayetteville NC 28301." Both the address and return address labels were of the self-stick, plain white paper-type, measuring 1" x 2 3/4." The information on each label had been typed.

It was established that the package had been mailed on April 20, 1990, at Bladenboro, North Carolina.

The exploding device was constructed within a hinged lid cardboard box which is used to distribute products by "Home Interiors Products" of Dallas, Texas. The box is approximately 8" x 5 1/2" x 2 3/4". Stenciled on the outside surface of the lid end flap were the words, "Shalima 1121-1 Blue." The word "Shalima" had been crossed out with a black marker, and the word "burgundy" was written on the box to the immediate right of the word "Shalima."

It was determined that the explosion had been caused by an improvised explosive device commonly referred to as a pipe bomb. [REDACTED]

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Lastly, the box contained lime green foam packing material used to keep the device in place and pages from the April 12, 1990, edition of the newspaper, "USA Today."

On April 28, 1990, agents of the United States Postal Service - Inspection Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) interviewed Postal Clerk [redacted] at the post office located in Bladenboro, North Carolina, where the above package had been mailed on April 20, 1990. [redacted] remembered receiving the package in question and described the individual who mailed the package as a white male, approximately 28 years old, 5' 11" tall, weighing 175 pounds, having a neat appearance, light brown hair, no facial hair, and the individual was not wearing eyeglasses. [redacted] stated that he did not think this individual had ever been a customer in the post office on any other occasion.

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On April 30, 1990, [redacted] Police Artist, Metropolitan Police Department Washington, D.C., met with [redacted] and at that time, an artist's rendition of the individual who mailed the package was drawn by [redacted]

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On April 30, 1990, ~~Pat Robertson, owner of Christian Broadcasting Network,~~ was interviewed at Virginia Beach. Robertson is a well-known minister who appears regularly on Cable

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Television. Also, Robertson was a candidate for the U.S. Presidency in 1988. Robertson advised that he had no information regarding any individual who might have mailed an exploding device to him.

Officials of the ~~Home Interiors and Gifts, Inc.,~~ Company of Dallas, Texas, were contacted and made available a list of all of their distributors living in the States of North and South Carolina. It is noted that the above-described explosive device was sent in a box which is used by the Home Interiors and Gifts, Inc., Company.

Investigation established that on January 30, 1990, one [redacted] was injured when she opened a package which contained an exploding device which detonated when the box was on her lap. That bomb had been sent to [redacted] who is Reverend John Osteen. Osteen is the head of the Lakewood Church at 7417 Mount Houston Road, Houston, Texas. This particular package was addressed to John Osteen. John Osteen, like Pat Robertson, is a minister who often appears on Cable Television networks. The bomb which was sent to Osteen was sent on January 26, 1990, from a post office located in Elizabethtown, North Carolina. This post office is located approximately 15 miles from Bladenboro, North Carolina, and both are within Bladen County, North Carolina. Both of the exploding devices were mailed on a Friday.

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It has been established that the bomb which was sent to Osteen in Houston, Texas, was also sent in a box which comes from Home Interiors and Gifts, Inc., Company of Dallas, Texas.

ATF has been designated the primary investigative agency in the bombing matter in Houston, Texas. All evidence in that investigation has been forwarded to ATF laboratory in Washington, D.C., for analysis. As noted above, all items of evidence secured in Virginia Beach have been analyzed by the United States Postal Service, Forensic and Technical Services Division. The two laboratories have worked closely on these

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matters, and the United States Postal Service, Forensic and Technical Services Division Laboratory report of May 25, 1990, stated in part, "The above device was compared with the "January Houston" device in custody of the ATF Laboratory in Rockville, Maryland. The unique nature of these two devices, their individual corresponding components, and the construction techniques used in their assembly indicate that both the devices were assembled by the same individual or group."

Extensive investigation continues in the Fayetteville-Bladenboro-Elizabethtown, North Carolina, areas to identify the individual who sent the devices to Houston, Texas, and Virginia Beach, Virginia. It has been established that the name of the sender and the return address, which were typed on the package sent to Virginia Beach, Virginia, are fictitious.

Numerous religious organizations throughout the United States have been contacted and advised of the bombing matters at Houston, Texas, and Virginia Beach, Virginia, in order that appropriate personnel in those organizations are aware of the fact that explosive devices have been sent to two prominent religious leaders. Organizations which were contacted have indicated that they will take appropriate action should they receive any parcels which are deemed suspicious, in order to ensure that no personnel are injured.

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To : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Attn: CRIMINAL SECTION

Date 6/22/90

From : Director, FBI

Subject : UNSUB(S): - VICTIM;

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PAT ROBERTSON - VICTIM;
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Reference:

Enclosed is one copy of: NORFOLK LHM DATED 6/18/90.

☐ Also enclosed is an Internal Affairs Report

XXX A. This is the initial communication in this matter:

Type matter (Initial communication only)

- ☐ Brutality - Law Enforcement
- ☐ Brutality - Nonlaw Enforcement
- ☐ No Brutality - Law Enforcement
- ☐ No Brutality - Nonlaw Enforcement
- ☐ Racial Violence
- ☐ ISS Matter
- ☐ Death Case
- X RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE

☐ B. FBI Status-Pending

☒ C. FBI Status-Closed

☐ D. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation unless specifically requested by the Department of Justice.

☐ E. Due to the nature of this matter, it should receive your expeditious attention. Please contact the Civil Rights Unit, FBIHQ, Attn:

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PASS: HQ FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT, CID, ROOM 1B948; COUNTER

TERRORISM SECTION, CID, ROOM 5222; FBI LABORATORY, DNA UNIT; FOR

FBI ACADEMY, BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES UNIT, ATTN: SPECIAL AGENT

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SUBJECT: CHANGED. UNSUB; [REDACTED]

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TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO REFLECT THE NAME OF PAT ROBERTSON AND THE ORGANIZATIONS, REGENT UNIVERSITY AND CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INASMUCH AS THE BOMB WAS DIRECTED TO ROBERTSON.

RE NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED APRIL 27, 1990;
CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED APRIL 28, 1990; ATLANTA
TELCAL OF SSA [REDACTED] TO SA [REDACTED] NORFOLK DIVISION,
ON APRIL 29, 1990.
REQUEST OF THE BUREAU.

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THE FBI LABORATORY, DNA UNIT, SHOULD BE AWARE THAT INVESTIGATION IN NORTH CAROLINA INDICATES THAT THE STAMPS WHICH WERE AFFIXED TO THE PACKAGE SENT TO VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, WERE PLACED THEREON BY A POSTAL EMPLOYEE.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES UNIT, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA. A COPY OF THIS TELETYPE IS DESIGNATED FOR SA [REDACTED] BUREAU OF ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND FIREARMS (ATF) INASMUCH AS SA [REDACTED] HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE BOMBING WHICH OCCURRED AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, WHICH INVOLVED ONE [REDACTED] INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, BOMBS ARE PROBABLY RELATED.

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1990, WHICH WAS SENT TO ALL FBI OFFICES, DESCRIBES THE BOMB WHICH WAS RECEIVED AT VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, AS WELL AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE EXPLOSION. IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS TELETYPE TO SUMMARIZE THE INVESTIGATION WHICH WAS CONDUCTED FROM FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1990, TO APRIL 29, 1990.

DURING THE CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION ON APRIL 27, 1990, AT VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, VIRGINIA STATE TROOPER [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT HE FELT THAT HE RECOGNIZED THE BOX IN WHICH THE BOMB WAS SENT TO ROBERTSON. TROOPER [REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT HIS WIFE, IN THE PAST, WAS A DISTRIBUTOR FOR A COMPANY THAT SOLD PRODUCTS THROUGH CATALOGUE SALES. HE STATED THAT THE BOX IN WHICH THE BOMB WAS PACKED APPEARED TO BE SIMILAR TO BOXES WHICH WERE SENT TO HIS WIFE BY THE CATALOGUE COMPANY. ON APRIL 28, 1990, A BOX WAS SECURED FROM THE [REDACTED] RESIDENCE AND AT THIS TIME, IT APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE SUBJECT BOX. THESE BOXES ARE MADE OF BROWN CARDBOARD, AND THEY ARE SEVEN AND THREE-QUARTER INCHES WIDE, TWO AND ONE-HALF INCHES HIGH AND FIVE AND ONE-QUARTER INCHES DEEP. PRINTED ON THE FRONT FLAP OF THE BOX SECURED FROM TROOPER [REDACTED] IS THE FOLLOWING: "SHALIMA 1121-1 BLUE."

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IT WAS NOTED THAT THE SUBJECT BOX RECOVERED AT VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, HAD THE SAME WORDS ON IT; HOWEVER, THE WORD "SHALIMA" WAS CROSSED OUT WITH A PEN, AND THE WORD BURGUNDY WAS HANDWRITTEN ON THE BOX. ACCORDING TO A CATALOGUE SECURED FROM [REDACTED] THE NUMBERS 1121-1 CORRESPOND TO SCENTED VOTIVE CANDLES THEREFORE INDICATING THAT SUCH CANDLES WERE NORMALLY SHIPPED IN THIS PARTICULAR TYPE OF BOX. [REDACTED] RECEIVED HER PRODUCTS FROM A COMPANY KNOWN AS HOME INTERIORS AND GIFTS, INC., OF POST OFFICE BOX 619190, DALLAS, TEXAS 75261-9190.

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ON APRIL 26, AND APRIL 29, 1990, AGENTS OF THE POSTAL INSPECTORS SERVICE AND ATF WERE ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT OFFICIALS AT HOME INTERIORS AND GIFTS, INC., IN DALLAS, TEXAS; HOWEVER, THE COMPANY WAS CLOSED AT THAT TIME. EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE ON APRIL 30, 1990, TO CONTACT OFFICIALS AT THE COMPANY AND SECURE THE NAMES OF ALL DISTRIBUTORS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA AS WELL AS A LIST OF CUSTOMERS IN THOSE STATES WHO MIGHT HAVE PURCHASED SUCH PRODUCTS.

THE REFERENCED TELETYPE POINTS OUT THAT THE BOMB RECEIVED IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, WAS MAILED FROM BLADENBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, ON APRIL 20, 1990. ON APRIL 26, 1990, AGENTS OF THE POSTAL INSPECTORS SERVICE AND ATF LOCATED THE POSTAL CLERK IN

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BLADENBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, WHO RECEIVED THE PACKAGE FROM THE UNKNOWN SUBJECT. THE POSTAL CLERK STATED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SENT THE PACKAGE WAS A WHITE MALE APPROXIMATELY 28 YEARS OLD, 5 FEET 11 INCHES IN HEIGHT, 175 POUNDS, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, CLEAN-SHAVEN AND GENERALLY NEAT IN HIS APPEARANCE. THE CLERK STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MAILED THE PACKAGE. IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE POSTAL CLERK WAS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO AFFIXED THE POSTAGE STAMPS TO THE PACKAGE.

ON APRIL 29, 1990, A MEETING WAS HELD WHICH INCLUDED THE POSTAL INSPECTOR SERVICE CASE AGENTS WHO ARE HANDLING THE BOMBING MATTER AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, INVOLVING [REDACTED] AT THE LAKEWOOD CHURCH. THESE AGENTS NOTED THAT THE BOMBING MATTERS AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, APPEAR TO BE IDENTICAL. THEY MADE AVAILABLE AN ATF LABORATORY REPORT REGARDING THE HOUSTON BOMBING. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE BOMB WAS EXTREMELY CLOSE TO THE ONE RECOVERED AT VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE CORRUGATED CARDBOARD BOX IN WHICH THE DEVICE WAS SENT WAS IDENTICAL TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED BOX AND, IN FACT, HAD THE SAME WORDING AND NUMBERS ON THE FRONT FLAP. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE HOUSTON BOMB WAS SENT FROM A POST

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OFFICE IN ELIZABETHTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA, WHICH IS LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO BLANDENBORO, NORTH CAROLINA.

LASTLY, THE POSTAL CLERK WHO RECEIVED THE PACKAGE IN ELIZABETHTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA, GAVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE UNSUB WHICH WAS CLOSE TO THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY THE POSTAL CLERK IN BLADENBORO, NORTH CAROLINA.

ON APRIL 29, 1990, THE CASE AGENT, NORFOLK FBI, DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH SSA [REDACTED], ATLANTA, GEORGIA. FOLLOWING THAT DISCUSSION, IT WAS FELT THAT THE BOMBING MATTERS AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, DID NOT APPEAR SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE VANPACK INVESTIGATION.

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ATLANTA. AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. WILL ADVISE FBIHQ AND NORFOLK IF, IN FACT, THERE APPEARS TO BE ANY SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE VANPACK INVESTIGATION AND THE VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, AND HOUSTON, TEXAS, BOMBING MATTERS.

CHARLOTTE. AT FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH POSTAL INSPECTORS AND ATF AGENTS REGARDING THIS INVESTIGATION. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT NUMEROUS LEADS WILL BE

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TEXT CONTINUES:

GENERATED IN THE STATES OF NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA WHEN A COMPUTER RUN IS COMPLETED AT HOME INTERIORS AND GIFTS, INC., AT DALLAS, TEXAS, REGARDING PURCHASERS OF ABOVE DESCRIBED CANDLES.

DALLAS. AT DALLAS, TEXAS. WILL CONTACT POSTAL INSPECTORS AND ATF AGENTS REGARDING INFORMATION DEVELOPED AT HOME INTERIORS AND GIFTS, INC., POST OFFICE BOX 619190, TO ESTABLISH A LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS AND DISTRIBUTORS FOR THAT COMPANY IN NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.

HOUSTON. AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH POSTAL INSPECTORS AND ATF AGENTS REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION AT THAT CITY. WILL REPORT PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION AT THE LAKEWOOD CHURCH TO THE NORFOLK DIVISION.

NORFOLK DIVISION WILL CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION.

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RE NORFOLK TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, DATED 4/27/90 AND NORFOLK
TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, DATED 5/2/90.

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION CONTAINS NO INDIVIDUALS WHO
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TELEVISION SHOWS AND WHO MIGHT BE CONSIDERED "TELEVISION

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EVANGELISTS". CERTAIN LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS WILL AIR SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH SERVICES, BUT THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUALS WHO FIT THE TELEVISION EVANGELIST DESCRIPTION AS OUTLINED IN NORFOLK TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, DATED 5/2/90.

NO FURTHER LEADS OUTSTANDING AT SEATTLE. THIS MATTER IS

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